

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

February 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Roy Coulombe, Erin Vaughan and Robert Sylvestre.

Commission members reviewed the minutes from the January 9, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Member Roy Coulombe to accept the January minutes and seconded by Member Paul Hetu. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote to accept the minutes.

Commission members reviewed the Director's report for the month of January. Commission Member, Roy Coulombe would like to know the statuses of the Youth Basketball program such as how many leagues there are where they play, how many kids, etc. Roy Coulombe is also curious as to why there are no travel teams. He stated that all other towns have travel teams and some coaches have offered to help "feed" the program and there are some complaints from parents concerning no traveling teams.

Commissioner's Reports

Saylesville – Paul Hetu – Quiet. Nothing new to report.

Lonsdale – Roy Coulombe – Quiet. Nothing going on.

Albion – Erin Vaughan – The batting cages have caved in. They should have been taken down at the end of the season and they were not. To the Commission members' knowledge no one has ever taken them down.

Manville – Robert Sylvestre – Quiet. Nothing new to report.

Fairlawn – Gary Stott – No report.

Limerock – David Boyle – No report.

Quinnville – Kevin Bryson – The volume of leaves in the park is heavy. There is still some use of the park on nice days.

Old Business:

The Lonsdale field renovation project went back out to bid again. John Sharkey spoke with Chairman Kevin Bryson and said that he sent a representative to the bidding for Lonsdale. Lucena Brothers had the lowest bid. They will be awarded the bid on February 14, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. Lucena Brothers will also get Alternative #4 which is for parking. Alternatives 1 – 3 which include batting cages, tress and shrubs and the backstop are not being put out to bid at this time. Commission Member, Roy Coulombe, commented that he is very happy with how that decision was handled. Chairman, Kevin Bryson, would like to know what is entailed with the Electrical Contingency and Roy Coulombe stated that it is probably in case there needs to be an increase of power once the project gets underway. Commission Member Robert Sylvestre commented on how Lonsdale park is a multi-use park and the plans show to have only one urinal in the men's bathroom. He feels there should be at least a minimum of

three. Roy Coulombe suggested they ask the Budget Board for additional money for extra incidentals, i.e. more urinals. He also questioned what is going to be done with the extra money (if any) once the Lonsdale project is complete.

Town Administrator, Joseph Almond, visited the meeting and Chairman Kevin Bryson asked Mr. Almond if he knew what was going on with the excavation and installation of the lights at the Middle School. Mr. Almond stated that everything would be taken care of and would most certainly be complete by the beginning of football season.

Chairman Kevin Bryson stated that he spoke to Angelo regarding the sprinkler heads obstructing the fields at the Middle School. Angelo stated that they will be readjusted and another layer of top dressing will be placed over the fields in the spring.

New Business:

There is an issue regarding the Little League fields and the housing for the elderly at Lime Acres. The Little League was told that they would have two fields of some sort. There needs to be another field made. Where would the Middle School team play? The Commission members are questioning why they are not being informed of this situation. Commission member Roy Coulombe made a motion to have Town Administrator, Joseph Almond attend the next Parks and Recreation meeting on March 14, 2008 to come and discuss this

matter. Commission members, Robert Sylvestre and Erin Vaughan seconded the motion.

The matter of the batting cages at Albion park was brought up again. The Commission members implied that there is a conflict in determining who is responsible for removing the batting cages at the end of each season and consequently no one taking them down.

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Roy Coulombe and seconded by Member Paul Hetu.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.